



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
6/11/2018
7:00 PM



Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tom Deater, Sandra Gustman, Ron Stroven, Stacey Budde, Cora Conley

- 1) Approve Agenda as amended – Motion by Ron Stroven. **In Favor 5-0**
- 2) Approve Minutes of 5/14/18 Regular Meeting as amended – Motion by Ron Stroven. **In Favor 5-0**
- 3) Approve Minutes of 4/9/18 Election Commission Meeting as presented – Motion by Cora Conley.
In Favor 3-0 (only Election Commission votes)
- 4) Treasurer's report was presented by Sandra Gustman; motion to approve by Tom Deater. **In Favor 5-0**
 - a) Fund Balance = \$302,426.45
 - b) Restricted Balance = \$38,015.14
 - c) Balance Available for Township operations = 264,411.31
- 5) Public Comment: (Please limit comments to three minutes)
 - a) Dale Bayne offered a complaint about conditions of roads: Wilke, 184th and 192nd with 192nd having a sand hole that he reported to the County and no action has been taken to repair it. Dale wanted to know the plans to black top roads. Tom Deater referred Dale to the County for an answer.
 - b) Kay Ohrling asked how residents could influence the County to make road repairs. Tom Deater suggested that residents call their legislators and the County Road Commissioner.
 - c) Sandy Sidock stated that recent rains washed out the brine that was done in May.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire board meeting - Ron Stroven presented minutes of 4/11 and 5/23 meetings.
 - b. Library board meeting - Marie Rose presented minutes of 5/15 meeting.
 - c. Cemetery board meeting - Tom Deater advised there was no meeting. Tom reported that he requested a quote for cost to fence in the Greenwood Township cemetery.
 - d. Planning Commission meeting – Ron Stroven presented minutes from meeting of 6/5.
 - e. Ambulance Committee Report –Sandy Gustman and Stacey Budde advised the work of the ambulance committee is on hold until ambulance service decisions are made by the County in November. Decisions include which company the County will contract with for services as well as whether or not the County would consider returning the townships' funds generated by the County's assessed ambulance service millage tax in order that the townships could fund their ambulance service directly.
- 7) Correspondence
 - a) Sandy Gustman received email from Marylou Phillips, County Treasurer, advising the recently distributed L4028 was in error.
 - b) Sandy Gustman reported on the receipt of Township share of National Forest monies.
 - c) Sandy Gustman received a notice of hearing from DTE.
 - d) Tom Deater shared a "Right to Farm" workshop brochure.
- 8) Old Business:
 - a) Road Repairs – Tom Deater reported that he advised the ORC that we will not share in cost to pave Garfield East of Taylor Bridge, also that brining was done 5/30 and the next one will be done 7/15.

- b) Acker Lake- Township property improvements status report – Tom Deater advised he is getting quotes to replace fencing and will determine exact property lines via original stakes; comments were made by various Board members that surveying may be necessary and the cost has already been approved.
 - c) Website quotes – Cora reported on the quotes received but advised the Board further research, and comparison of the quotes is needed, and she will update the board later.
- 9) New Business:
- a) A discussion was held related to ambulance committee participation and whether or not wages should be paid to Board Members for their time participating on the committee and reporting back to the Board. Cora Conley and Sandy Gustman will make a conference call to MTA for guidance on the Board’s authority within the law to pay wages for board member attendance at a non-statutory Board meeting.
 - b) Tom Deater was appointed to the Cemetery Board for a 1-year term expiring 6/30/2019. **In Favor 4-0** (Stacey had to leave early and did not vote.)
 - c) Sandy Gustman reported that she researched and found that the Metro Act Funds can be used for certain road improvements.
 - d) Fire Millage – the Board voted In Favor 4-0 of placing a proposal on the November Ballot to renew the Greenwood Township Fire Service Millage for 5 years. Cora agreed to send the proposal language to our attorney for review.
 - e) Tom Deater and Cora Conley certified the 2018 Operating and Fire millage Form L4029 which must be submitted to County Equalization.
 - f) Approval to attend MTA Work Shop on Planning & Zoning, 7/24 at the Shack in White Cloud was requested by Planning Commission members Mike Ohrling, Sandy Sidock, Kay Ohrling, and Ron Stroven. Cora will check with Kevin Conley about attending as well. **In Favor 4-0**
 - g) Election – Cora Conley requested and reported on the following:
 - i) Our new equipment was delivered 6/11 and a quick demo was given.
 - ii) Authorization to share cost of a practice Demo with Newfield Township was requested. **In Favor 4-0**
 - iii) Requested authorization to purchase a new laptop to operate programming associated with the new election equipment - IF she could not get the laptop covered by the State grant. **In Favor 4-0**
 - iv) Advised there would be election equipment training on 6/27/2018. Sandy Sidock, current election chairperson will attend with Cora.
 - v) Advised the Election Commission (Supervisor, Treasurer & Clerk) must meet to appoint election inspectors and a date of **7/9/2018 at 6:45** was set.
 - vi) Advised there would be election inspector training **on 7/18/2018 in Hart.**
 - vii) Advised a date would be set to provide training on the new equipment to all election inspectors, prior to the August primary.
 - viii) Made a motion to establish a minimum pay policy, at a rate of 1-hour pay at the election inspector/chairperson rate. This is applicable when the inspector’s attendance is required or requested at a meeting held at the Greenwood Township hall that ultimately requires less than one hour of time. Examples: Public accuracy test, election audit, setup for election, etc. **In Favor 4-0**
 - 10) Dump Day workers – Tom Deater made a motion to pay Melissa and Steve Stroven for working the June free dump day. **In Favor 4-0.** Cora asked if four people working was necessary and both Tom Deater and Ron Stroven agreed it was necessary. Cora asked if Steve and Melissa would be working the remaining dump days and if so, requested we vote now on authorization to pay them for their work. **In Favor 4-0**
 - 11) Audit– interim - Cora reported that Hendon & Slate has been engaged to complete the Y/E 3/31/18 interim audit.
 - 12) SB1025 & HB6049 – assessing reforms. Cora suggested the board follow the legislation that MTA is opposing.
 - 13) AT & T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension – Tom Deater signed the extension request.
 - 14) Payment of Bills: A motion to pay the bills was made by Cora. . **In Favor 4-0**



Meeting ended at 9:35 pm